

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for December 8th, 2022

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Joint Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed.

Staff in Attendance: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Peegen Morgan & Ellen James (Remote), Inspectors; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Sarah Hultz, Investigator; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General

Open Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m..

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 27th, 2022 Board Meeting.

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 17th, 2022 Board Meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Applications for Veterinary Licenses:

- Dr. Lisa Cimino
- Dr. Courtney Manetti
- Dr. Sydney Devine
- Dr. Kelly Hopper
- Dr. Meghan Welch (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Nicholas Kelsey
- Dr. Meghan Solc
- Dr. Marty Roache
- Dr. Erick Hess
- Dr. Rachel Thomas
- Dr. Brett Taylor
- Dr. Margaret Hanson
- Dr. Caitlin Vaughn
- Dr. Dustin Burch
- Dr. Kimberly Schultz
- Dr. Tawnya Hopkins (Reinstatement) - Must first verify the answer to no history of criminal convictions that was missed on the application.
- Dr. John Edwards

Sanitation Reports:

The Inspectors, Ellen James and Peegen Morgan, presented the Sanitation Reports for inspections performed from October 25th, 2022 to December 6th, 2022.

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Sanitation Reports.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE approval requests:

- 610 Bowie
- 619 Barrett - Can only have 6 hours of nonclinical (6 this year and 6 next year).

Final Actions Since Last Meeting:

- Docket No. 21-68: Rachael Lesane / Dr. Jamila Echols (Atty: Hodges & Paddy), Banfield Pet Hospital - Laurel

Miscellaneous:

- Ms. Suzanne Gill-Boucher submitted an inquiry regarding providing prescriptions for shelter animals without them being seen by a veterinarian at their practice.
 - The Board recommended that if the rescue is pulling from a shelter, have an agreement with the shelter/animal care/supervisor to work out the arrangement. They would be unable to prescribe for patients with no VCPR. Rescues can do the tests but can't be used for an outside veterinarian to prescribe. The veterinarian would have to recheck unless it's under the supervision of a veterinarian and the veterinarian has created a medical record.
- Executive Director, Nathaniel Boan, requested that the Board provide input for the proposed Records Retention Schedule for License Application Documents currently being held due to no retention schedule being in place.
 - The Board had no concerns with the proposed retention schedule. If approved by State Archives, Veterinary License Applications will be kept for 5 years after a license's registration has expired. Licensees who wish to apply for reinstatement already must reapply as a new applicant after 5 years.
- Judy Bell submitted a statement raising concerns related to title protections due to some Veterinary Technicians using the title of Nurse.
 - There is a movement in the United States to have Veterinary Technicians considered nurses.
 - Some states may already recognize the title of Nurse for some Veterinary Technicians.
 - This would be better directed to the Nursing Board dealing with title protections.
- The Board reviewed a proposed meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2023:
 - January 26th, 2023 - Virtual
 - February 23rd, 2023 - In-Person
 - March 23rd, 2023 - Virtual
 - April 27th, 2023 - In Person
 - May 25th, 2023 - Virtual
 - June 22nd, 2023 - Virtual (Limited)
 - July 27th, 2023 - In Person
 - August 24th, 2023 - Virtual
 - September 28th, 2023 -Virtual
 - October 26th, 2023 - In Person
 - November 16th, 2023 - Virtual (Limited)
 - December 7th, 2023 - Virtual

- January 25th, 2024 - In Person
- Dr. Christopher Caniglia submitted an inquiry regarding allowable practices of Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians and direct supervision during anesthesia maintenance during surgery.
 - As long as documented proof of training and the surgeon is in the surgery room a second veterinarian is not required. The surgeon can be the supervising veterinarian.
 - A Veterinary Technician could perform the anesthesia maintenance but not induction.
- Pet + ER Columbia submitted a question regarding how to handle situations where pets are abandoned at the hospital.
 - The Board would recommend updating the consent agreement to let the client know how long they have if they have not heard from the owner. Give a specific timeframe and inform that the animal will be considered abandoned and surrendered to Animal Control, or the veterinarian may make a decision on the outcome of the animal.
- Rock Spring Veterinary Clinic submitted a question inquiring if Veterinarians can sell prescription foods to clients that have prescriptions from another clinic.
 - Prescription foods are not actually prescriptions. Veterinarians may use their best judgment.
- Dr. Jean Ferreri submitted a request for confirmation that she is allowed to apply for reinstatement. Dr. Ferrari meets the requirements of 15.14.08.01B.
 - The Board determined that she is allowed to apply.

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions outside the scope of the Open Meetings Act, in accordance with § 3-103(a)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article. The administrative functions to be performed include discussion of the specific matters identified on the Board Minutes. In the alternative, I move to close the meeting pursuant to the following Section 3-305(b):

(7) To obtain advice of counsel;

(8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

(12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;”

and

(13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.